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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed and the President signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on March 23, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, This Act, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, comprises America's comprehensive federal health care reform, which is commonly referred to as the Affordable Care Act (ACA); and

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WHEREAS, The result of this law will be to create a government takeover of the health care industry that will increase health care costs, raise taxes, hurt senior citizens, destroy jobs, reduce the quality of care that Americans will receive, restrict consumer choice, limit individuals' access to private health insurance, and reduce the ability of American companies to compete; and

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WHEREAS, The ACA will constrain the freedom of individuals to choose their own doctor and will interfere with individuals' ability to make personal health care decisions; and

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WHEREAS, A single-payer health care system, which forces patients to enroll in a one-size-fits-all plan with rich benefits and weak cost sharing, will cause spending for health

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1 care to escalate and policymakers to ration care as a  
2 cost-containment measure; and

3 WHEREAS, According to the Congressional Budget Office, the  
4 ACA could cause millions of Americans who receive health  
5 insurance through their employer to lose their health insurance  
6 coverage; in addition, the Congressional Budget Office reports  
7 that premiums in the individual and small group markets may  
8 substantially increase; and

9 WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
10 will dictate what benefits insurers must offer and how much  
11 they may charge; and

12 WHEREAS, In view of the fact that physicians lose money  
13 servicing government patients on Medicare and Medicaid, the ACA  
14 will further increase this problem by further reducing Medicare  
15 and Medicaid fees to doctors and hospitals, and will discourage  
16 persons from entering the health care field; and

17 WHEREAS, The ACA will increase taxes on employers who do  
18 not offer adequate insurance and will increase taxes on  
19 investment income, which in turn will reduce capital available  
20 for job expansion, reduce economic growth, and result in fewer  
21 jobs for Americans; and

1           WHEREAS, The ACA will harm seniors by making cuts from the  
2 Medicare budget and causing seniors to lose the health  
3 insurance coverage they currently possess; and

4           WHEREAS, The provisions of the ACA will add to the national  
5 debt; and

6           WHEREAS, The provisions of the ACA aimed at reducing health  
7 care spending address the symptoms of the cost of health care  
8 rather than the root causes of growth in health care spending;  
9 therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we exposit the  
12 following:

13           (1) the General Assembly rejects the Affordable Care  
14 Act and calls for the repeal of the Act by the Congress of  
15 the United States;

16           (2) it is the opinion of the General Assembly that all  
17 individuals should have the right to make decisions about  
18 their health care, and no law should be in effect that  
19 restricts a person's freedom of choice of private health  
20 care systems or private plans of any type;

21           (3) it is the opinion of the General Assembly that no  
22 law should interfere with a person's or entity's right to  
23 pay directly for lawful medical services, nor should any

1 law impose a penalty or fine, of any type, for choosing to  
2 obtain or decline health care coverage or for participation  
3 in any particular health care system or plan; and

4 (4) it is the opinion of the General Assembly that in  
5 order to avoid federal government mandates, states should  
6 take measured steps to reform our nation's health care  
7 system that will allow for frequent midcourse corrections  
8 through the passage of smaller bills to replace the  
9 Affordable Care Act with sustainable, free market  
10 solutions such as tort reform and allowing individuals to  
11 buy health insurance across state lines; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
13 delivered to each member of the Illinois congressional  
14 delegation.